

Kansas Medical Assistance

Medical Coverage for Children

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The child must be a Kansas resident. In addition, he or she must be a U.S. citizen or a qualifying alien. Verification of citizenship and identity is required. See the [Citizenship and Identity Requirements](#) fact sheet for more information.

AGE

The child must be under the age of 19.

RESOURCES

No resource test is applicable.

INCOME

The earned and unearned income of the child and his or her parents that live in the home must be considered. This includes wages, unemployment benefits, Social Security (except SSI), VA benefits, and child support to name a few.

A \$200/month work expense deduction is allowed for each person with employment.

INCOME STANDARDS

The monthly countable income is compared to the appropriate standards listed in the chart below. Family size is determined by including the child(ren), parents that live in the home, and any other legally responsible person for a family member who lives in the home.

The income standards vary depending on the age of the child. There are two levels of coverage: HealthWave 19 and HealthWave 21. If a child doesn't qualify for HealthWave 19, which has lower income levels, they are then screened for HealthWave 21. The HealthWave 21 program is based on 241% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Monthly Income Standards (effective January 2010)

Number of Persons Included in household	HealthWave 19			HealthWave 21
	100% of federal poverty level (ages 6 thru 18)	133% of federal poverty level (ages 1 thru 5)	150% of federal poverty level (pregnant women & ages under 1)	241% of federal poverty level (ages 0 thru 19 & income exceeds Medicaid)
1	\$ 903	\$1,201	\$1,354	\$2,175
2	\$1,215	\$1,615	\$1,822	\$2,927
3	\$1,526	\$2,030	\$2,289	\$3,678
4	\$1,838	\$2,444	\$2,757	\$4,429
5	\$2,150	\$2,859	\$3,224	\$5,180
6	\$2,461	\$3,273	\$3,692	\$5,931

If the family's income is at the HealthWave 21 level, additional rules apply.

SPECIFIC HEALTHWAVE 21 REQUIREMENTS

For the HealthWave 21 program, children must not already be covered by comprehensive and reasonably accessible health insurance. In addition, children whose parents have access to the State group health insurance plan are also not eligible.

A premium between \$20 and \$75 is required for families with income above 150% of the federal poverty level.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for medical coverage for children, pregnant women, or families with children, you may get an application through any of the following choices:

- Call the HealthWave Clearinghouse at 1-800-792-4884 to request an application.
- Applications are available from any SRS office or SRS access point, see <http://srskansas.org/locations.htm> for a list of offices and access points.
- Family medical applications can be downloaded in 10 different languages from www.kansashealthwave.org